II. In the Claims

Please amend claims 16 and 17 as follows:

16 (Amended) A computer comprising: [;]

a display panel;

means for generating light for the display panel; and

means for housing the display panel, wherein the housing means is [and] for conducting light between the means for generating light and the display panel.

17. (Amended) A method for conducting light in a computer system having a LCD and a LCD

housing comprising: [;]

generating light; and

conducting the generated light through the [a] LCD housing.

III. Remarks

The above amendments and these remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action of January 7, 1999. In that action, the Examiner rejected all pending claims 1-19 under either 35 U.S.C. §102(e) or 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in light of U.S. Patent No. 5,661,578 to Habing et al.

A. The Habing Reference

With respect to the Examiner's rejection of the claims in light of Habing, the Applicant submits that the claims, as amended, are all allowable over this reference. Specifically, each independent claim and, *a fortiorari*, each claim dependent therefrom, is distinguishable from the Habing reference.